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SUBJECT: MBFR: EASTERN FREEZE PROPOSAL: NAC APPROVES GUIDANCE TO
AHG

REF: A. USNATO 473

B. USNATO 512

1. NAC ON JANUARY 31 APPROVED GUIDANCE TO AHG ON EASTERN FREEZE
PROPOSAL PER REFTELS.

2. PECK (UK) SAID UK COULD ACCEPT THE GUIDANCE, AND HE CONGRATULA-
TED SPC AND ALLIED GOVERNMENTS ON IT. HOWEVER, THE UK WAS DISAPPOIN-
TED THAT THE AHG CAN NOT EVEN HINT TO THE OTHER SIDE AN IMPROVED
ALLIED NON INCREASE OFFER. THIS WILL MAKE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT
THE TASK OF ALLIED GOVERNMENTS IN EXPLAINING THE ALLIED
APPROACH TO THEIR PUBLIC OPINION. HE HOPED THAT THE AHG
WILL NOW CONSIDER HOW TO MAKE THE BEST CASE IN PUBLIC.

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3. BOSS (FRG) ALSO ACCEPTED THE GUIDANCE, BUT HE WANTED TO
MAKE A STATEMENT FOR THE RECORD. HE SAID THAT ALL ALLIES HAVE AN
INTEREST IN SEEING THAT ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS OF THE ALLIED POSITION
ARE REINFORCED IN FREEZE DISCUSSION WITH THE EAST. THEREFORE,

THE AHG SHOULD MENTION TO THE OTHER SIDE THE REASONS STATED IN THE NAC PRE-CHRISTMAS GUIDANCE (C-M(74)90(REVISED)). IF NECESSARY, THE AHG SHOULD ELABORATE THESE REASONS, I.E. THE NECESSITY THAT A FREEZE BE BASED ON COLLECTIVE CEILINGS, REDUCTIONS LEADING TO A COMMON CEILING, AND DATA.

4. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) SAID HE ACCEPTED THE GUIDANCE WITH DISAPPOINTMENT, BUT LOYALTY, AND THAT HE SHARED THE VIEW EXPRESSED BY PECK.

5. SYG LUNS SAID HE TOOK NOTE OF THE REMARKS MADE BY THE UK, THE FRG, AND BELGIUM.
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